

## ABSTRACT

A film-forming binder polymer for a coating composition such as a  
5 paint, varnish or woodstain where the polymer is modified by the presence  
of bonded moieties derived from plant gum, particularly plant fibre gum  
obtainable from plant fibre, especially corn fibre gum and more particularly  
moieties derived from proteo-xylans and/or furanose. The modified binder  
polymer minimises the need to use coalescing solvents without producing  
10 poor dried paint coatings which fail the scrub resistance tests also improves  
the opacity of the dried coating composition.

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